

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ERIC K.
SHINSEKI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity today to honor General Eric K. Shinseki, the 34th Chief of Staff of the United States Army. I have had the privilege of working with General Shinseki over these past 4 years, as he set forth a vision, and then followed with a plan of execution, that will culminate in a complete Transformation of the premier land force in the world today—The United States Army.

General Eric K. Shinseki is a soldier General, a soldier's soldier. He began his Army career after graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1965. He served two combat tours in the Republic of Vietnam. I should note that this officer has been carried off the battlefield on the backs of soldiers. It is because of these soldiers, that he has served so long, and with so much distinction. Despite receiving serious wounds in battle, General Shinseki remained on active duty out of his utmost respect for the young, American soldier he encountered in Vietnam. While he may not have been aware at that time, the experience he garnered under the tutelage of non-commissioned officers as a new officer instilled the discipline and direction that would ultimately place him as The Army's "point man". General Shinseki excelled at every level, in command and in staff positions, both in the continental United States and overseas. He commanded the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, became Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at Headquarters Department of the Army, served as the Commanding General, United States Army Europe, Commander Allied Land Forces Central Europe; and Commander, NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1998, he assumed the duties as the 28th Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

On June 22, 1999, General Shinseki became the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Since assuming that position, General Shinseki's commitment and leadership have contributed immeasurably to ensuring that America's Army is unmatched by any in our history in its skill and professionalism. General Shinseki began a transformation that will fundamentally reform the Army and position it for continuing excellence and achievement in the coming decades. The path of Transformation is one that is filled with challenges, and unexpected events. While he was charting a course for the Army's Transformation, General Shinseki was charged with ensuring The Army was again prepared to go in to battle. At the onset, the Global War on Terrorism began to consume assets. Quickly on the heels of this, was Operation Noble Eagle—the defense of the American Homeland, in Operation Enduring Freedom—the attack on Al Qaeda's lair, and Operation Iraqi Freedom—the liberation of Iraq. These events served as a galvanizing catalyst to General Shinseki's vision for Transformation. The Army was now one Army, at war and transforming. Whether active, National Guard, or Reserve, it is one Army. Throughout all this, General Shinseki has provided a steady hand that as a result leaves

the Army, and its men and women, in one of the highest states of readiness ever.

After more than 35 years service to the nation, General Shinseki will retire from the United States Army this month. Throughout that entire period, General Shinseki's actions have epitomized those of a soldier, leader, and consummate professional. Always mission-focused and soldier-centered, he upheld the Army's non-negotiable mission contract with the American people to fight and win the nation's wars, while never forgetting that it is the sacrifice and skill of the American soldier that makes those victories possible.

Mr. Speaker, the Constitution of this great country charges this body to raise and support Armies. The Transformation that is underway in our Army is one that is steeped in history, and fraught with vision. While we are charged to raise an Army, it is an officer of such caliber as General Shinseki's, who will ensure its training, its readiness, its ability to answer when the country calls. As we have witnessed since September 11, 2001, the freedoms we enjoy, come at a price. Our nation has been fortunate to have men and women willing to come forward at times of crisis and challenge to pay that price. We now add another name to that distinguished list; General Eric K. Shinseki. It is through dedication, and the selfless devotion to duty of Americans like him, that our nation is able to continue upon the path of democracy. To provide global response and assistance when and where needed. It is with profound admiration and deep appreciation that I pay tribute to General Shinseki for all that he has done for the United States Army and this country. To General Eric K. Shinseki, the 34th Chief of Staff of The United States Army, on behalf of this Congress, and of a grateful nation, Thank you for your service.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COLONEL DUANE A. GAMBLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Duane A. Gamble for his brave service in the United States Military during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lieutenant Colonel Gamble graduated from Western Maryland College in 1985 with the honor of a Distinguished Military Graduate. After graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Ordnance in the Regular Army. Lieutenant Colonel Gamble then attended the Florida Institute of Technology, earning a Masters of Science in Logistics Management in 1994. He has also completed many courses in military education during his time of service.

In the past 18 years, Lieutenant Colonel Gamble has served in a variety of logistics posts including Platoon Leader, Forward Area Support Coordinator and Support Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Logistics Operations Officer, and Deputy Commander. He currently holds the position of Commander of the Taskmaster Battalion and Commander of the Bastogne Brigade Support Area. His fine service has been recognized with awards and

decorations that include the Bronze Star Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Gamble has served bravely in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew Disaster Relief, Operation Joint Endeavor, and, most recently Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has repeatedly demonstrated his devotion and commitment to this nation and stood boldly in defense of a free world. He is an admirable role model for his two young daughters and for all American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend the gratitude of myself and an entire nation to Lieutenant Colonel Duane A. Gamble for his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his courageous efforts and wishing him well in his next assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff for the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
H.R. 2, JOBS AND GROWTH RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to the House-Senate agreement on H.R. 2, the so-called Growth and Jobs Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

The only growth this conference report will ensure is the most dramatic growth in our national debt in this nation's history. It is ironic that as soon as the House votes on this legislation, we will adjourn for the Memorial Day District Work Period to allow the Senate to rubber stamp an increase in the debt ceiling of almost \$1 trillion dollars, with no discussion by this House.

For me, this is not a partisan issue. I voted for the President's \$1.35 trillion tax cut in 2001 because I believed it was the right thing to do. At that time CBO projected our surplus over ten years at \$5.6 trillion. I still believe it was the right thing to do then. But that was then. This is now. We are no longer in revenue surplus mode. Now we are in deficit mode. And the \$350 billion tax cut passed by Congress will now go straight to our bottom line—the \$6.4 trillion national debt. In fact, the Senate will have to increase the debt limit by \$984 billion in order to pass this tax cut. This tax cut is being paid for with borrowed money. And, every penny of this tax cut will be paid for by our children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I do not oppose tax cuts. I oppose borrowing money to pay for tax cuts.

We are running the largest deficits in history and compiling a debt whose interest payment consumes almost 18 percent of every tax dollar collected. I call this a "debt tax" and this is the only tax that can never be repealed.

The debt tax costs our country \$1 billion per day and accounts for one of the largest expenditures by our government, third only to Social Security and national defense. And I submit that by passing this bill, we will be passing the largest tax increase—in the form of the debt tax—in history.

The best way to ensure that we, as well as our children and our grandchildren, are all

overtaxed for the rest of our lives, is to keep borrowing money and running up our debt. Our children will be forced to pay ever higher taxes just to pay the increasing interest on the debt we will incur today. Under the majority's budget, the debt tax will consume more than twenty percent of taxes just to pay interest on our national debt by the end of the decade.

It is irresponsible for us to pass a tax cut for ourselves today that leaves the bill to our children and grandchildren in the form of a crushing national debt.

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush told us, "This country has many problems. We will not deny, we will not ignore, we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, to other presidents and other generations." As a proud grandfather who wants to leave a better future for my grandchildren, I enthusiastically applauded that statement. Unfortunately, our current budget policies and this growth plan will only grow our national debt and pass the bill on to future generations.

With respect to this bill being a jobs plan, I submit that in its zeal to pass a tax cut, any tax cut that adheres to an arbitrary number, the majority has crafted a bill guaranteed to cost us jobs in the future.

Mr. Speaker, this bill contains so many gimmicks, with phase-ins and phase-outs, that it defies comprehension and makes it impossible for any responsible business or individual to plan for the future. For example, this bill helps married individuals and families by expanding the lower bracket, increasing the child tax credit and eliminating the marriage penalty—but only for 2 years. But all of these good policies (many of which I have supported in the past) will revert back to current law in 2005. It helps businesses expand, grow and create jobs by increasing the code's expensing and depreciation provisions—but these good, pro jobs policies disappear in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

"Why?" you ask, do these pro-family and pro-jobs provisions disappear after 1 or 2 years? To make room for a proposal that does nothing to create jobs—an ill-conceived dividend reduction proposal that will only concentrate capital in the hands of shareholders without providing any incentives for businesses to create new jobs.

I believe that the President's call to eliminate the so-called double taxation of dividends is a goal toward which we should all work; however, this Congress should consider this proposal in the context of broad individual and corporate tax reform after we've gotten our fiscal house in order. I urge my colleagues to vote against this tax proposal and instead work together on a bipartisan basis to achieve true tax reform, reduction and simplification in the context of a new economic plan to get our country moving again.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOE D. DUNAWAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Joe D. Dunaway for his heroic service in the United States Military during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon graduating from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in May of 1985, Lieutenant Colonel Dunaway completed several different courses at Fort Rucker, Alabama and Fort Eustis, Virginia. His initial assignment was to the 4th Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, Germany. There, Lieutenant Colonel Dunaway held positions that included Command Aviation Platoon Leader and Air Cavalry Troop Commander. In 1990, he returned to the United States and served at both Fort Eustis and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. At Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he attended the Command and Central Staff College and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division as the Division Aviation Maintenance Officer, AVIM Company Command of Company A, and Battalion Executive Officer for the 8–101st Aviation Regiment.

During his time in the military, Lieutenant Colonel Dunaway has been recognized with many honors. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with a silver oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Master Aviator Badge, an Air Assault Badge, and an Airborne Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Dunaway's involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom as the 8–101st Battalion Commander marked his second tour of duty. He served as a role model for all as he bravely stood in defense of our nation and a free world. His devotion and commitment to this country are commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend the gratitude of myself and the entire nation to Lieutenant Colonel Joe D. Dunaway for his participation in this latest conflict in Iraq. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his fine service and wishing him well as he returns to the Aviation Branch to serve as Branch Chief.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF GLADYS HANDROP

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mrs. Gladys Handrop. Mrs. Handrop has successfully completed over fifty-six years of honorable government service to the citizens of Alabama and Florida.

Mrs. Handrop was first employed in government service in the Escambia County Alabama Tax Assessors office on March 17, 1947. The Escambia County Florida Tax Assessors office later employed her on December 9, 1952.

Mrs. Handrop has been an extremely valuable asset to the agencies and officers by whom she has been employed. She has served under the Honorable Tax Assessors and Property Appraisers Mrs. Frances Botts, Mr. M.B. "Bill" Jones, Mr. John R. Jones, Jr. and Mr. Chris Jones.

Mrs. Handrop has displayed never failing loyalty to the citizens, by whom she has been employed and has been a tireless political ally to many honored officers to this county and state.

Mrs. Handrop is known and respected by legal and real estate professionals throughout

Escambia County who she has assisted and guided in their practices. She has consistently been a "family" member, friend, confidant, role model, source of strength and mentor to all of those with whom she has worked.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize this special person for the example she has set in her community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that she has done for Northwest Florida and this great nation.

CONGRATULATING PEDRO PALOMO ADA

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Pedro Palomo Ada, who we all know affectionately as "Pete Ada, Jr." for being inducted into the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Guam Business Hall of Fame.

Pete Ada, Jr. is an icon of the Guam business community who has done many great things for the island of Guam. He is one of Guam's original entrepreneurs. His success as a businessman is rooted in his hard work, ingenuity, and work ethic, which serves as an inspiration for young businessmen and women on Guam. His induction into the Guam Business Hall of Fame is a testament to his outstanding career and his contributions to our community. I join the Guam Chamber of Commerce, our civic organizations, and our island in commending Pete Ada, Jr. and in congratulating him on this lifetime achievement.

Mr. Ada began his business career while at college at Saint Thomas Military Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Pete would send shoes and other great bargains to Guam for resale in his parents' retail business. After college, he served as one of the first Chamorro commissioned officers in the United States Air Force and later returned to Guam to help with the family business, Ada's Markets. He transformed his family's retail business into a household name, and later, into a real estate holding company. In the process, he transformed how a whole generation viewed business opportunities on Guam. He is a visionary who saw the potential for new residential developments, commercial real estate developments and new markets. He created opportunities for our island and in the process he helped Guam re-define itself from a military service economy to a strong private sector economy with a robust capital investment sector.

Pete Ada, Jr. is presently the Chairman of the investment firm he founded, Ada's Trust and Investment, Inc. and Chairman of Nanbo Guam, Ltd. He is a Director of the Bank of Guam, Pizza Hut of Guam, and Pacific Textiles. He owns 18 commercial properties and is responsible for developing 28 properties throughout his career.

As a model citizen, Pete Ada Jr. championed the ROTC program at the University of Guam. He has supported the Boy Scouts and KGTF Public Television, and he has been active in the Air Force's Civilian Advisory Council. He has served as a board member of several government boards, including the Retirement Fund, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the